

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application.

Claims 7, 8, and 10-15 are pending. To expedite prosecution, claims 1-6 and 9 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, Applicant reserving the right to file a continuing application directed to the subject matter of these claims if ever desired. To provide Applicant with the protection to which he is deemed entitled, claims 10-15 are added.

FIG. 6 (diamond 601) and claim 8 are amended to change ">" to -- < -- for consistency with page 8, line 17, and page 21, lines 20-29, of the specification. These changes render moot the objection to the drawing and rejection of claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. §112.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance are deemed in order, and such action is respectfully requested.

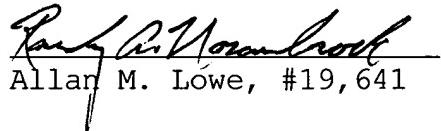
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicant hereby requests a two-month extension of time in which to file this response. Authorization for payment of the \$450 fee is attached. If in error, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any prescribed fees not otherwise provided for, including application processing,

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extension of time, and extra claims fees, to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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